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WHOLE NO. 1150.

## HUMOROUS.

He pressed his lips upon her hand.  
She said 'twas out of place;  
He rectified the error  
And kissed her on the face.  
—Puck.

A man who is in society and wants to keep in must be continually going out.—Yonkers Statesman.  
Some men try to carry the world on their backs while somebody else is carrying their families.—Galveston News.

Minnie—"Did he kiss you when he proposed?" May—"Certainly; I wouldn't consider any but sealed proposals."—Vogue.

The man who is looking for a soft thing can find it on the average boarding house butter dish just now.—Buffalo Courier.

Debtor—"Don't get scared, the account will be paid in time." Creditor—"That's what I'm afraid of."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Innocent—"Johnny," said the teacher, "where is Siam?" "I don't know, ma'am," said Johnny, "I haven't had it."—Harper's Young People.

Ada—"Why does Clara speak of George as 'her intended'?" Are they engaged?" Alice—"No; but she intends they shall be."—Brooklyn Life.

Throwing the slipper after the bride is said to be a much more ancient custom than that of throwing the boot after the lover.—Chicago Post.

"Where did you get your new waitress, Hawley?" "Down on the Jersey coast." "Really?" "Yes. She is one of the breakers."—Harper's Bazar.

Beatrice—"I hear that Mr. Shapley is suffering from brain fever." Jones—"I guess not. He hasn't the raw material necessary for brain fever."—Brooklyn Life.

Marmaduke—"May I go out to play now?" Mamma—"What with those holes in your boots?" Marmaduke—"No, with the bulldog next door."—Truth.

Mr. Snoodle—"It appears that in railroad accidents the first and last cars are always the ones injured." Mrs. S.—"Why not leave them off the train?"—Harper's Weekly.

"How many stories has this building," asked the stranger. "Severed at thousand," was the reply. "What—Where am I?" "In the fiction department of the public library."—Washington Star.

Le Fiance—"Why have you never introduced me to your mother, darling?" La Fiance—"Gerald, my mother is a widow, and I have lost two fiancées to widows already."—Life.

Mr. Tottley—"Could you marry a very old man with a good deal of money, if he told you frankly how old he was and how much money he was worth?" Miss Timely—"How much is he worth?"—Vogue.

Young wife—"How nice it would be if life were a perpetual honeymoon—nothing but billing and cooing?" Young husband—"H'm! I think I could get along with just the cooing."—Truth.

"Speaking of good hands, I held one last night that was worth a cool hundred thousand to me." "You don't say! What was it?" "Miss Bullion's. Down on the beach."—Brooklyn Life.

He (thoughtfully).—"When a man marries twice, which wife does he take when he gets to Heaven?" She (who loves him, dreamily).—"Neither. A man who marries twice doesn't go to Heaven."—Vogue.

Yellowly—"It is the scarcity of bills that is paralyzing the business of the country." Brownly—"You are decidedly wrong, my boy. I had seven bills presented to me before 11 o'clock yesterday."—New York Press.

Editor—"Isn't this a rather queer ending to this romance—'I omitted the marriage because I wanted it to be strictly romantic in every detail. There is nothing romantic in marriage.'—Indianapolis Journal.

Sue Deering—"I'm afraid papa was angry when you asked him for me, Jack, love?" Jack Hollow—"Not at all. He asked if I knew any more respectable young men who would be likely to marry your five sisters if properly coaxed."—Harper's Bazar.

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## Pulling a Boa's Teeth.

Edward Schmidt, the proprietor of the bird store on Twelfth street, yesterday morning enjoyed the unusual privilege of playing dentist to an eleven-foot boa constrictor, says the Washington Post. B. Constrictor was lately a resident of South America, but on transferring his residence to Washington took up his abode with Mr. Schmidt. He is comparatively thin for his length, being only some eight inches through the thickest part of his eleven-foot body. He dresses in a brown and black diagonal suit, which fits quite well, but shows decided signs of wearing out, and he is getting rid of it by sections, though for the sake of appearance he has another on just below it.

His royal pythonic highness weighs just sixty pounds, and is valued at \$1 per pound. One of the most remarkable features of his make-up is his mouth. It is a common phrase to hear of the "drooping of one's lower jaw" in moments of consternation, but Mr. Boa can get up the largest amount of consternation in this line when he gets ready by dropping about six inches of lower jaw, linear measurement. He can raise an equal amount of upper jaw at the same time, and his mouth is provided with a convenient lateral hinge arrangement by which it can be spread wide and present a total receptive surface of about the size of a hand box.

It was this month, with a good serviceable set of teeth, but no poison fangs, that got Mr. Snake into trouble soon after his arrival in the national capital. He was lodged in a good strong wire cage and fed a few pigeons. Then instead of going to sleep gorged with food, as is supposed to be the habit of his family, Mr. Constrictor amused himself by striking at the new master, who was putting a reinforcement of wire netting around the bars of the cage. He miscalculated in one of his springs, and when hissing like a steam exhaust pipe he launched about four feet of his neck across the cage, he hung himself in the wire netting by his teeth. As a result he had a very sore mouth for a couple of days, and yesterday Mr. Schmidt decided that he would have to have one of the injured teeth pulled.

It was a delicate operation to handle his snakeship, who, if given his choice of holds, is a good deal more than a match for a man in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling bout. But the wily bird man took an unfair advantage of his prisoner, and diverting his attention in front executed a flank movement and grabbed him by the back of the neck. Then it was a case of pull Richard pull Satan in getting the lengthy southerner out of his cage. He finally came to a slip and slide, and Mr. French, the assistant dentist, promptly froze onto the last foot and a half of the tail as it slid out of the cage.

Mr. Snake stretched at full length, with no chance to work his powerful constrictor muscles, was rather at a disadvantage, but, watching an opportunity while the doctor was working on his head with a pair of wire nail pullers, he threw a half-Nelson lock around Mr. French's legs and proceeded to mix up with that gentleman in a way that was no less surprising than inconvenient. The tooth, which was loose, came out easily, looking not unlike a large fishbone, and the two amateur dentists then exerted themselves to let go of the snake and get him back into his cage. Mr. French was finally gotten out of the embrace of the python's coils, and the two operators wrestled him back into captivity, where he drew himself up on a shelf in the corner of his cage, and, coiling himself into a large figure eight, laid with his almond-shaped head on the top of his coils and swore fluently in an unintelligible South American dialect at everyone who came in his neighborhood.

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guage in the "Pilgrim's Progress" is proverbial, yet it is sufficient to portray emotions ranging from the agonies of remorse to the raptures of the redeemed. The phraseology of Swift and Goldsmith, except when technical subjects are under discussion, is almost as limited. The Bible is largely a repetition of a few simple words.

Mastery of language consists in the proper arrangement of words rather than in a multiplicity of words. The use of simple terms is evidence of the highest art. It is the sole way, indeed, as a rule, in which the firmest and widest impressions can be made. To attain such a command of speech depends in large measure upon the possession of imaginative faculties. Metaphor is frequently a substitute, not only for large words, but for many words. It suggests rather than depicts, and from its peculiar measure makes necessary the employment of terms that are readily understood. It should not be forgotten, also, that there are few pursuits that demand a varied vocabulary.

Many of the technical terms used by a lawyer are of little practical worth to a physician or a merchant, or vice versa. It is questionable also if the English language is not worse for the multitude of unnecessary adjectives that have crept into it from one source and another. "Junius" looked upon adjectives as if they were personal enemies. Macaulay used them under protest. There is a peculiar force in the familiar observation of Thomas Hobbes: "Words are wise men's counters—they do but reckon by them—but they are the money of fools."—New York Press.

**Escaping Torture.**  
During General Custer's attacks on Kettle's camp during one of the United States Indian wars, some of the prisoners, taking advantage of the thick brush, broke through the line of the troops, and escaped to the prairie.

Major Elliot, calling some of his men to follow, dashed off in pursuit of the fugitives. Not one of the nineteen cavaliers was ever again seen alive by a white man.

Intent on his purpose, and not suspecting the vicinity of other camps, Major Elliot found his little party surrounded by an overwhelming horde of Indians.

Dismissing, loosing their horses and forming in a circle, the little band of twenty brave men prepared to sell their lives as dearly as possible. In less than twenty minutes every man but one was dead.

Wounded in several places, his ammunition expended, Sergeant-Major Kennedy stood alone, sabre in hand.

No shot was fired at him, no effort was made to kill him, but several of the Indians approached him with hands thrust out, saying: "How? How?"

To well he knew the meaning of this kindly demonstration. He was to be reserved for all the horrors of the torture.

He saw that his only hope of escaping torture was in so exasperating the Indians that they would kill him.

Seeming to surrender, he advanced towards the chief. They approached each other, hands extended. Quick as thought Kennedy's sword passed through the chief's body. One instant of terrified surprise on the part of the Indians; the next, twenty bullet-holes in Kennedy's body. The merciful death had come to him.

**The Toilet of Birds.**  
The feathered tribes have many peculiar ways and fancies about the details of their toilet.

Some birds use water only, some water and dust, while others prefer dust and no water.

Birds are not only exceedingly nice in their choice of bath water, but also very particular about the quality of their "toilet dust."

Wild ducks, though feeding by salt water, prefer to bathe in freshwater pools, and will fly long distances inland to running brooks and ponds, where they preen and dress their feathers in the early hours of the morning.

Sparrows bathe often, both in water and in dust. They are not so particular about the quality of the water as about the quality of the dust. They prefer clean water, but I have seen them take a dip in shallow pools that were quite muddy.

The city sparrow must take a

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water bath where he can get it—in the street, or on the tops of of houses—but he is most careful in the choice of his dust bath. Road dust, the driest, and finest possible, suits him best.

I have noticed the city sparrow taking his dust bath in the street, and invariably he chooses a place where the dust is like powder.

Partridges prefer dry loam. They like to scratch out the soil from under the grass and fill their feathers with cool earth. Most birds are fond of burnt ashes. Some early morning take a walk across a field that has been burned over, and see the number of winged creatures that rise suddenly from the ash heaps.

A darting form, a small cloud of ashes, and the bathers disappear.

**For the Best of Reasons.**

There is perhaps no more unfair question than that which certain rejected swains are said sometimes to ask the object of their affection, subsequent to their refusal—"But why won't you marry me?"

A formula for a reply to a question of this sort is said to have been framed by a young woman who had to do with an importunate lover. Said she: "I would marry you but for three reasons." "Tell me what they are," he implored, "that I may remove them."

Unhappily for him she did tell him. The reason was, as she stated them: "In the first place, I do not love you; in the second place, I don't want to love you; in the third place, I couldn't love you if I did want to."

Surely a reply so comprehensive should satisfy any reasonable man, even if it did tend to injure his self-esteem.

**And He Never Came Back.**

Alexander H. H. Stuart, when Secretary of the Interior under President Fillmore, used to tell the following good story of how he got rid of an office-seeker soon after assuming the office.

"I was very much annoyed by a persistent applicant for the post of messenger. The man came in regularly every day for several weeks until he became an unbearable bore. Finally one day after the man had gone out I asked the messenger then in the office if he knew what that man was after. He said:

"'No, sir.'"  
"Well," said I, "he wants your place, and if ever I see him again he shall have it."

"I never saw the man again." Mrs. Chicago—"I was just telling Frank the story of Jack and the Beanstalks." Mrs. Boston—"Little Emerson heard the story of Jack and the leguminous plant known as the Faba Vulgaris before he was put into spectacles."—Minneapolis Journal.

It is meet that breach-of promise cases should be heard in a courtroom. Boston Transcript.

**How We Grow Old.**

The thread that binds us to life is most frequently severed ere the meridian of life is reached in the case of persons who neglect obvious means to secure a lasting strength. Vigor, no less than the source of happiness than the condition of long life, can be treated and perpetuated where it does not exist. Thousands who have experienced or are contingent—including many physicians of eminence—of the effect of Harnett's Suffering Bitters, bear testimony to its wonderful efficacy as a restorative of strength in feeble constitutions, and debilitated and shattered systems. A steady performance of bodily functions, renewed appetite, fresh and healthy sleep attend the use of this thorough and standard restorative. Use no local medicine reputed to be akin to or resemble but in effects in its place. Demand the genuine, which is an acknowledged remedy for indigestion, malaria, nervousness, constipation, liver and kidney complaints and rheumatism.

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